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SUMMARY. AHRAM MARCH 13 AND 14 CONTINUES SEEMINGLY INTERMINABLE INTERVIEW OF RCC MEMBER MUHAYSHI BY EDITOR IN CHIEF ALI HAMDI AL-GAMAL. MARCH 13 INSTALLMENT DEALS WITH AMBITION OF RCC CHAIRMAN QADHAFI TO DOMINATE EGYPT AFTER NASSER'S DEATH AND QADHAFI'S SUBSEQUENT HATRED OF EGYPT WHEN THESE HOPES DASHED. MUHAYSHI CLAIMS THAT QADHAFI NEVER REALLY INTERESTED IN TRUE ARAB UNITY OR UNITY WITH EGYPT, BUT RATHER STRUGGLED TO CREATE CHAOS FROM WHICH HE COULD PERSONALLY BENEFIT. MARCH 14 INSTALLMENT DEALS PRIMARILY WITH INJUSTICE OF QADHAFI'S RULE IN LIBYA: HIS ATTEMPT TO RULE LIBYA WITH HIS FAMILY MEMBERS, TO DIVIDE BEDOUIN AGAINST CITY DWELLER AND TO FOSTER LIBYAN TRIBALISM. MUHAYSHI CONCLUDES THAT QADHAFI'S RULE IN LIBYA MORE BARBARIC

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AND MEDIEVAL THEN YEMEN UNDER THE IMAMS. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING TO MARCH 13 SEGMENT OF INTERVIEW, UPON DEATH OF NASSER IN SEPTEMBER 1970, QADHAFI SAW CHANCE TO ESTABLISH HIS LEADERSHIP OVER EGYPT. WHILE IN CAIRO TO ATTEND FUNERAL, QADHAFI DISPATCHED VARIOUS RCC MEMBERS TO FATHI AL-DIB (THEN CHIEF OF EGYPTIAN LIAISON WITH LIBYA) TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITIES FOR QADHAFI LEADERSHIP OF COMBINED NATION. DIB INFORMED RCC MEMBERS THAT CHANGE IN EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP WOULD TAKE PLACE BY CONSTITUTIONAL MEANS AND THERE WOULD BE NO OPPORTUNITY FOR LIBYAN ROLE IN EGYPT. ACCORDING TO MUHAYSHI, QADHAFI AT THAT TIME DECIDED TO SABOTAGE EGYPTIAN ECONOMY BY USING POSSIBILITIES OF LIBYAN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AS LEVER. IN ADDITION QADHAFI WANTED TO USE LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS FOR SABOTAGE OPERATIONS IN EGYPT BUT AL-HUNI, THEN CHIEF OF LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE, REFUSED TO PERMIT SABOTAGE IN EGYPT. MUHAYSHI REPORTS THAT, IN SUMMER OF 1974 WHILE AL-HUNI OUT OF LIBYA, QADHAFI ORDERED SABOTAGE OPERATIONS BUT NONE OF THE LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS EXECUTED QADHAFI'S ORDERS.

2. MUHAYSHI CONTINUES HIS MARCH 13 ATTACK ON QADHAFI BY REITERATING CHARGE THAT RCC CHAIRMAN WORKED TO SABOTAGE ARAB VICTORY IN 1973. IN QADHAFI VIEW, A DIVIDED EGYPT WAS MORE AMENABLE TO LIBYAN MANIPULATION AND QADHAFI COULD NEVER STOMACH POPULARITY OF SADAT WHICH EMERGED FROM 1973 FIGHTING. MUHAYSHI CONTINUES THAT IN FACT QADHAFI NEVER SERIOUSLY CONTEMPLATED UNION WITH EGYPT EVEN THOUGH HE APPEARED AS PRINCIPAL ADVOCATE OF UNION, SIMPLY TO BURNISH PAN-ARAB IMAGE. ACCORDING TO MUHAYSHI VERSION, QADHAFI CONTINUALLY MADE UNREASONABLE DEMANDS OR FLEW INTO WIDELY PUBLICIZED RAGES WHENEVER UNITY WITH EGYPT APPEARED TO CLOSE. MUHAYSHI STATES THAT HE ACCOMPANIED QADHAFI TO CAIRO IN 1973 WHEN SADAT INVITED RCC CHAIRMAN TO ADDRESS MEMBERS OF EGYPTIAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS ON SUBJECT OF UNITY. MUHAYSHI CHARGES THAT QADHAFI, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SEIZED ON ISSUE OF ADS IN EGYPTIAN DAILIES FOR SAUDI ARABIA AND UAE AND ACCUSED EGYPTIANS OF SUPPORTING REACTIONARY REGIMES. IN ADDITION, WHEN EGYPTIAN DELEGATION SUBSEQUENTLY TRAVELLED TO TRIPOLI CARRYING UNITY DZOCUMENTS FOR HIS SIGNATURE, QADHAFI REFUSED TO SIGN ALLEGING DISAGREEMENTS WITH TEXT WHICH IN FACT OF MARGINAL SIGNFICANCE.

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3. MUHAYSHI STATES THAT QADHAFI HAS NOW COME TO CONCLUSION THAT HE CAN BUY HIS WAY TO POLITICAL POWER IN ARAB WORLD AND IS ACTIVELY WORKING TO FRAGMENT ARAB RANKS TO FURTHER HIS OWN PERSONAL AMBITIONS. MUHAYSHI CHARGES THAT THE OLD ADVOCATE OF UNITY NOW IS INSISTING ON RIGHT OF SHARA TO CHOOSE OR TO HAVE ITS OWN INDEPENDENCE, WHILE QADHAFI SHOULD MORE RIGHTLY URGE UNION OF MOROCCO AND SAHARA. INSTEAD QADHAFI URGING ALGERIA AGAINST MOROCCO IN EFFORT TO FRAGMENT NORTH

AFRICAN UNITY AND INCREASE LIBYAN ROLE AT EXPENSE OF CHAOS. AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF QADHAFI EFFORTS AGAINST ARAB UNITY, MUHAYSHI MENTIONS THAT LIBYANS PROVIDED FORMER YAR PRESIDENT IRYANI FOUR MILLION DINARS WORTH OF ARMS IN 1972 SO THAT NORTH YEMENIS COULD PROSECUTE WAR AGAINST PDRY. MUHAYSHI ALSO ALLEGES THAT PRIMARY AGENT FOR LIBYAN ARMS DEAL IN EUROPE IS IN FACT BRITISH CHAIRMAN OF ISRAELI-BRITISH FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE AND THUS QADHAFI REALLY CARES NOTHING FOR PAN-ARAB SOLIDARITY. FINALLY, MUHAYSHI REPORTS THAT QADHAFI DISPATCHED PRIMIN JALLUD TO PARIS WHEN HE LEARNED THAT FRENCH WERE ON POINT OF CONCLUDING SALE OF CROTALE MISSLES TO TUNISIANS.

4. MARCH 14 INSTALLMENT OF MUHAYSHI ATTACK ON QADHAFI CONSIDERABLY THINNER THAN EARLIER TWO SEGEMENTS. BASICALLY MUHAYSHI MAKES POINT THAT QADHAFI HAS BECOME VIRTUAL NEW KING OF LIBYA AND IS ATTEMPTING TO RULE BY METHODS OF "DIVIDE AND RULE." MUHAYSHI CHARGES THAT QADHAFI MAINTAINED IN POWER BY GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 800 ILLITERATE AND UNQUALIFIED ARMY OFFICERS WHO FROM QADHAFI EXTENDED FAMILY. THESE 800 FAMILY RETAINERS ARE DIVIDED INTO SECURITY COMPANIES AND LED BY KHALIFA HANAYSH. MUHAYSHI AGAIN ASSERTS THAT QADHAFI IGNORES RCC MEMBERS AND CLAIMS THAT, AT OUTSET OF LIBYAN REVOLUTION, QADHAFI REFUSED TO ACCEPT FORMATION OF RCC. IT WAS ONLY WHEN QADHAFI IN HOSPITAL, RESTING FROM STRAIN OF TAKE-OVER, THAT HIS BROTHER OFFICERS BANDED TOGETHER AND ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF RCC. MUHAYSHI CHARGES THAT THE POPULAR COMMITTEES IN FACT REVIVE LIBYAN TRIBALISM AND CHARGES THAT QADHAFI ENDEAVORS TO TURN RURAL TRIBES AGAINST CITY DWELLERS, CLAIMING THAT LATTER ARE AN ALIEN ELEMENT ON LIBYAN SOIL. MUHAYSHI DEVOTES CONSIDERABLE TIME TO RIDICULING QADHAFI'S "THIRD THEROY" STATING THAT IN FACT QADHAFI REFUSES PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, REFERENDUMS, POLITICAL PARTIES, AND A PERMANENT CONSTITUTION AS UNACCEPTABLE FOR LIBYA. MUHAYSHI THEN STATES THAT YEARLY CONFERENCE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRIBAL SHAIKHS AND CHIEFS OF LIBYAN MUNICIPALITIES CONSTITUTE A FEUDAL BODY WHICH PROVIDE RCC CHAIRMAN WITH POWER OF KING, NOT A MODERN RULER. FINALLY, MUHAYSHI MOCKS QADHAFI'S PERCEPTIONS OF SOCIALISM. APPARENTLY NEW CHAPTER OF THIRD THEORY SOON TO BE ISSUED STATES THAT UNDER LIBYAN SOCIALISM OWNER OF CAPITAL HAS RIGHT TO ENJOY HIS MONEY, BUT NOT TO INVEST IT. MUHAYSHI AND INTERVIEWER WONDER WHAT PRECISELY THIS MEANS.

5. COMMENT: THIRD SEGEMENT OF MUHAYSHI INTERVIEW IS, IF ANYTHING, MORE HYSTERICAL THAN PRECEDING TWO PARTS. MUHAYSHI CONTENTS HIMSELF BASICALLY WITH HURLING EPITHETS AT RCC CHAIRMAN AND MANY OF HIS CLAIMS, SUCH AS HIS OFFER TO QADHAFI TO RETURN TO LIBYA IF BOTH COULD STAGE OPEN DEBATE BEFORE THE PEOPLE, RINGS A LITTLE FALSE. AHARAM

PROMISES NEW INSTALLMENT OF MUHAYSHI INTERVIEW BEGINNING
"NEXT WEEK", PROBABLY MARCH 19, BUT MUHAYSHI WILL HAVE TO DEAL
MORE IN SPECIFICS TO RENDER THIS EGYPTIAN EXERCISE IN ANTI-
LIBYA PROPAGANDA VERY EFFECTIVE.
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